(*b*) how is the working of the section up-to-date;
(*c*) what is the investment under this section under various heads;
(*d*) who are the hands in special charge of the section;
(*e*) what is the pay of the employees in this section;
(*f*) what is the net profit to the Government in 1118;
(*g*) what is the interest charged by the Government on the capital expenditure in connection with the manufacture of medicines in the said institution;
(*h*) what interest does the Government realise on their investment in Banks etc. ?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)* :

(*a*) The preparation of medicines intended for sale to public was started from 6th Mithunam 1117.
(*b*) The working of the section is satisfactory.
(*c*) Rs. 99,100 under 'Advances' and Rs. 23,848 under 'Capital Outlay' for 1119.
(*d*) The Assistant Superintendent of Ayurvedic Hospitals (pay Rs. 100) is in charge of the Sales Department under the control of the Superintendent, Ayurvedic Hospitals.
(*e*) Please see list appended *(Appendix III)*.
(*f*) The net profit to Government in 1118 is Rs. 8,587—0—9.
(*g*) 6 per cent per annum.
(*h*) The rate is confidential.

AYURVEDIC DESPENSARY, VADAKKANCHERI—FURNITURE AND MEDICINE SUPPLIED TO

6. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the furniture supplied to the Ayurvedic Dispensary at Vadakkancheri;
(*b*) the actual worth of medicines supplied up to the end of Edavam 1119?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) One table and one chair have been supplied. Arrangements are being made for the supply of other items of furniture.
(*b*) Medicines worth Rs. 99—15—0 have been supplied.

REVISION OF SALARIES

7. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether they have circulated any orders regarding the revision of salaries?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: Government have ordered that all proposals for a general revision of salaries would be postponed until after the war or until prices return to a more normal level.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know whether there has been any special revision? The answer given is that all proposals for a general revision of salaries would be postponed until after the war or until prices return to a more normal level.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*: General revision of salaries means revision of all grades and of all classes of officers. In individual cases there may be exemptions. That is no special revision.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)* : May I know whether there has been any revision in individual cases?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : There have been a few cases.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Are the Government aware that there has been a general revision of pay in Travancore ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)* : Yes.

8. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)* : Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they propose to have a general revision of salaries of officials in view of the heavy cost of living now obtaining;
(*b*) will Government be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the circular—Huzur Circular No. 12 of 1119 D. Dis. 24467/1118 dated 19th December 1943, F. D.?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) The temporary increase in the cost of living is to be compensated not by revision of pay but the grant of temporary allowance which Government are now giving.
(*b*) A copy is placed on the council table.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether the principle enunciated in answer to (a) is thoroughly and strictly adhered to, or whether any exemption is granted in exceptional cases.

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